

**SENATOR DAWN BUCKINGHAM VIDEO**

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2017**

HELLO FRIENDS THIS IS DR. DAWN BUCKINGHAM, STATE SENATOR FOR DISTRICT 24.

MY FIRST YEAR AS YOUR STATE SENATOR IS ABOUT TO WRAP UP AND I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT YOU.

LIKE MANY OF YOU - I HAVE MANY BLESSINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE WITH FESTIVE DECORATIONS...A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS TREE LIKE THE ONE HERE IN OUR SENATE CHAMBER...AND BRIGHTLY COLORED PRESENTS FOR GOOD LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

BUT FOR ME...AND FOR CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT SENATE DISTRICT 24 AND ACROSS TEXAS....CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT MUCH MORE.

IT'S EASY FOR ALL OF US TO SOMETIMES GET CAUGHT UP IN DAY-TO-DAY POLITICAL BICKERING AND FINGERING POINTING AS WE TRY TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO DIFFICULT CHALLENGES. HOWEVER, I ASSURE YOU POSITIVE CHANGES...FOR A BETTER TEXAS...ARE BEING MADE.

FOR EXAMPLE, IT WASN'T VERY LONG AGO THAT NEITHER THE PASSAGE "IN GOD WE TRUST" DISPLAYED ABOVE THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S PODIUM...OR ANY SYMBOL OF CHRIST RELATED TO CHRISTMAS COULD BE FOUND HERE IN THE SENATE CHAMBER... INCLUDING OUR THIRD ANNUAL SYMBOLIC CHRISTMAS TREE.

IT WAS LIKE OUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAD BEEN BARRED AT THE DOOR AND KEPT OUT OF YOUR STATE CAPITOL - THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE.

I'M PROUD TO SAY - THAT'S CHANGED.

TODAY BOTH ARE PROUDLY ON DISPLAY - FOR ALL TEXANS TO ENJOY REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL AFFILIATION.

WE ARE ALSO TAKING MEANINGFUL STEPS TO LIMIT GOVERNMENT...RESTORE INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND LIBERTIES...AND MAKE SURE THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IS FOREVER LIMITED.

IT'S NOT AN EASY TASK - BUT YOU SENT US HERE TO MAKE TOUGH CHOICES AND GET THE JOB DONE.

THAT'S MY PLEDGE...WORKING FOR YOU...EVERY SINGLE DAY.

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE BUCKINGHAM FAMILY...AND ALL OF US HERE IN YOUR TEXAS  
SENATE...I SAY THANK YOU...GOD BLESS...AND MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE A VERY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!